

HO-1064

Mary & William Donovan House
1695 Woodstock Road
Private

Description

The Mary & William Donovan House is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with aluminum siding and a gable roof of asphalt shingles with a northeast-southwest ridge. There is a two-story ell on the rear that is one bay by two bays and has the same siding and roofing as the main block; the roof ridge runs northwest-southeast. There is an interior brick chimney on the ridge of the main block, just west of the center bay. The northwest elevation has a door with one large light at the top half, with sidelights of three lights over one panel and a four-light transom. The door is flanked by a new one-over-one sash to each side. There is a four-bay, one-story porch that wraps around the southwest side. It has plain square posts and balusters, exposed rafters under the soffit, and a hipped roof. There is a cross gable in the center, with fishscale shingles and a pentagonal window with diamond lights. The soffit of the eaves follows the pitch of the rafters. The southeast elevation of the ell has a shed-roofed porch on the first story. The northeast elevation of the main block has a two-story, three-sided bay window. The interior has four-panel doors and symmetrical architrave with bulls-eye corner blocks.

Significance

In February 1902 Mary Grace Donovan purchased the one-acre lot on which their house sits for \$175. She and her husband, William, a Woodstock merchant who was eight years her senior, had already been living in the area, though just where is not clear. Presumably, they built the house that year. It is a rather standard cross-gabled I-house, but was given a little more distinction by using fishscale shingles in the gable ends and a pentagonal sash with diamond lights in the cross gable, all of which probably reflects the influence of the now-waning Queen Anne style. Business at Donovan's store must have been in decline, and by 1910 he was working as a clerk at one of the local quarries. After the death of his wife in 1930 Donovan sold the house to his children, and they retained the property until 1940. At that time Jesse and Julia Mullinex acquired it.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Mary & William Donovan House

other

2. Location

street and number 1695 Woodstock Road not for publication

city, town	Woodstock	X	vicinity
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county	Howard
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3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kenneth & Susan Wilzer

street and number 1695 Woodstock Road

telephone

city, town	Woodstock	state	MD	zip code	21163
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Howard County Courthouse	liber	1583	folio	582
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city, town	Ellicott City	tax map	10	tax parcel	53	tax ID number
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category

_____ district
 X building(s)
 _____ structure
 _____ site
 _____ object

Ownership

_____ public
 X private
 _____ both

Current Function

<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mary & William Donovan House is located at 1695 Woodstock Road, just south of Woodstock in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house is situated on a flat lot on the southeast side of the road, near the road, and faces northwest toward the road.

The house is a 2 1/2-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with aluminum siding and a gable roof of asphalt shingles with a northeast-southwest ridge. There is a two-story ell on the rear that is one bay by two bays and has the same siding and roofing as the main block; the roof ridge runs northwest-southeast. There is an interior brick chimney on the ridge of the main block, just west of the center bay, and another in the east corner of the main block.

The northwest elevation has a door with one large light at the top half, with sidelights of three lights over one panel and a four-light transom; the latter has larger lights in the center, with small lights at each end. The door is flanked by a new one-over-one sash to each side, and these are typical windows for the house. There is a four-bay, one-story porch that wraps around the southwest side. It has plain square posts and balusters, exposed rafters under the soffit, and a hipped roof. The second story has three new one-over-one sash. There is a cross gable in the center, with fishscale shingles and a pentagonal window with diamond lights. The soffit of the eaves follows the pitch of the rafters.

The southwest elevation of the main block has a typical window on both the first and second stories. The gable end has fishscale shingles and a short, square window. The southeast elevation of the main block has only the south bay exposed, with a typical window on both the first and second stories. The southwest elevation of the ell also has a typical window on both the first and second stories. The southeast elevation of the ell has a shed-roofed porch on the first story. The second story south bay has a typical window, while the east bay opening has been altered.

The northeast elevation of the main block has a two-story, three-sided bay window with a typical window in each side on both the first and second stories. The gable end has a small, square opening above the roof of the bay window, and the siding here appears to be fishscale shingles. The northeast elevation of the ell has a typical window on the first story and no opening on the second story.

The interior has four-panel doors and symmetrical architrave with bulls-eye corner blocks.

There are no other buildings on the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1902

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

In February 1902 Mary Grace Donovan purchased the one-acre lot on which their house sits for \$175. She and her husband, William, a Woodstock merchant who was eight years her senior, had already been living in the area, though just where is not clear. Presumably, they built the house that year. It is a rather standard cross-gabled I-house, but was given a little more distinction by using fishscale shingles in the gable ends. This change of materials is a survival of what was a common technique with Queen Anne houses, and it can be seen on several neighboring examples from the 1890s. Most notable is the window in the cross gable. In Howard County the cross gable typically receives a more decorative sash, often triangular, lancet, or semi-circular on top, but the Donovan's house, with the pentagonal sash and the diamond lights inside it, is much more unusual; it probably also reflects the influence of the now-waning Queen Anne style.

Business at Donovan's store must have been in decline, and by 1910 he was working as a clerk at one of the local quarries. After the death of his wife in 1930 Donovan sold the house to his children, and they retained the property until 1940. At that time Jesse and Julia Mullinex acquired it.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 A
Acreage of historical setting 1 A
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 10, parcel 53, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

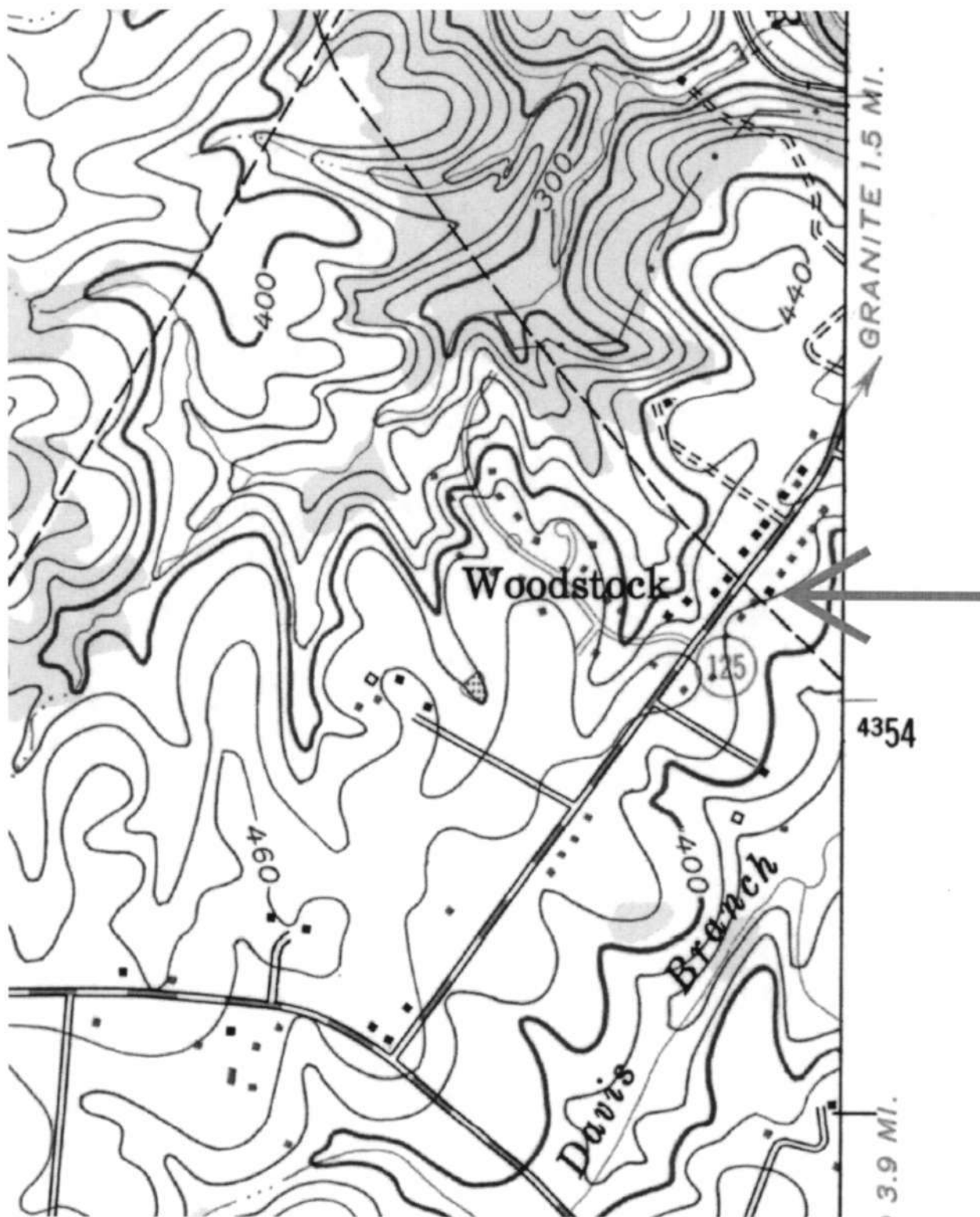
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	November 2011
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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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Mary & William Donovan House
1695 Woodstock Road
Sykesville quad

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Mary & William Donovan House
1695 Woodstock Road
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Northeast & northwest elevations

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Northwest & southwest elevations



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Howard County, Maryland

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Northwest + Southwest elevations

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